

AMENDMENT

In the Drawings:

Please replace the original FIG. 7 with the FIG.7 attached with this amendment.

Please remove FIG. 11

Please replace the original FIG. 12 with FIG. 12 attached with this amendment.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 -- Figure 1a shows two different sellers S1-S2 and three different buyers b1-b3 in multilateral negotiations. Each bilateral negotiation is processed as a negotiation trend t1 - t6. Fig. 1b shows an equivalent representation of these negotiations. --

Please replace the sentence at page 7, line 30, with the following rewritten sentence:

A2 -- Communication between each of the sellers s1-s2 and buyers b1-b3 may be established directly. --

Fig. 7 will be slightly modified as it follows:

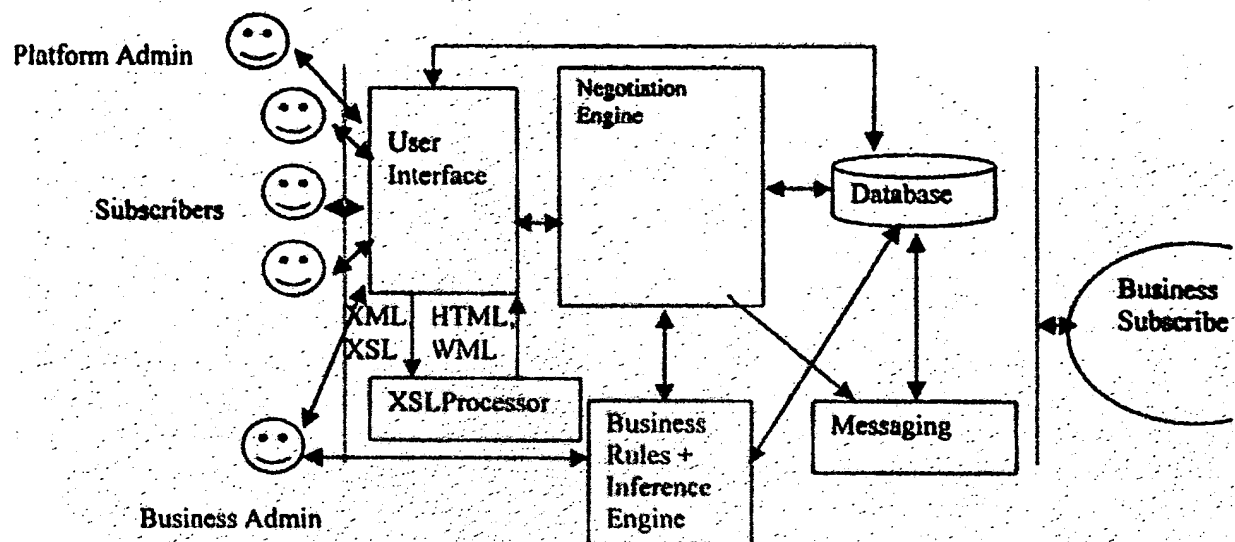


Fig.7

